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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows.

REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, which has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 15, 2006. A three-month extension, to expire June 15, 2006, is requested in a petition filed herewith.

Claims

Claims 1-36 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-36 are rejected over prior art. Claims 1-36 remain as filed or as previously presented. Reconsideration is requested.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-36 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-12, 14-28, 30-44 and 46-54 of copending Application No. 09/617,361.

Applicant respectfully traverses, because the claims of the present application are patentably distinct with respect to the claims of the copending application. In particular, each claim of the present application includes limitations relating to the use of pre-verification criteria, which are not found in the claims of copending Application No. 09/617,361. For the reasons set